

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
This Week in Our Parish - September 13, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, September 14, Fr. Michael's Day Off
TUESDAY, September 15, Noon Mass
 Mass Intention: † Crane Family
WEDNESDAY, September 16, Noon Mass
 Mass Intention: † Jumper Family
THURSDAY, September 17, No Mass
FRIDAY, September 18, Noon Mass
 Mass Intention: † Boland Family
SATURDAY, September 19, 5:00 pm Mass
 Mass Intention: † Lorna Breen
SUNDAY, September 20, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

† Denotes deceased

MASS INTENTIONS
September 12-13, 2020

5:00 pm – † Phillips Family
 9:00 am – Marion & Annette Graham
 11:30 am – People of the Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE
September 5-6, 2020

Adults – 75 Children – 15

FINANCIAL MATTERS – September 5-6, 2020

Regular Collection	\$6,190.00
SMDP School	\$25.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$300.00
Mission Fund	\$10.00
Miscellany	\$35.00
Parish Charity	\$50.00
Catholic University	\$50.00
Flowers	\$60.00
Bishop Stewardship Appeal	\$230.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$14.50
Bank Fess	\$38.34
	\$7,002.84

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

September 13 – Catholic University of America
 September 20 – Catholic Miscellany
 September 27 – Bicentennial Campaign

Parishioners are encouraged to post their offerings, so that we can continue to carry our parish responsibilities. Post checks to:

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church,
 2229 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29204

OR USE:

Online Giving

<https://abundant.co/stmartindeporres/give>

Download the mobile app: **Abundant Giving**

Text: **SMDP to 73256, click the link & follow the prompts to give**

“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

For the healing of: Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, Hermina Bellinger, Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, Dolores DiMaria, James T. Easley, Sidney Fomby (Ljubica Arceneaux), Damon Frazier, Carla Gouridine, Robin Green, Ellen Greiner, Dierdre Harris, Leroy Henry, Frank Herty, Leslie Hodges-Jackson, Amira Johnson (Barbara Johnson), Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Wayne Lopez (Stanley Lopez), Hank MacDonald, Joseph McKenzie, Mary McLawrence (sister-in-law Rosa Garcia), Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyronne Neal Sr.) Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, Veronica Ramseur, Maria Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Patricia McDermott Sinnott (Gerald/Sandra McDermott), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Jackie Weedon, Leroy White, Jr., Laretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.
Assisted Living: Dorothy “Nana” Paul

For the Souls of: Those who have died from the Coronavirus COVID-19, and all of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Please provide notice of additions to our prayer list (hospitalizations, sick and homebound). Kindly call the office at (803)254-6862 or email smartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to the Alexander Family for this week's Altar Flowers in memory of Mrs. Ruth B. Alexander for her 103rd Birthday

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



School is seeking a **Spanish Teacher** for the 2020-21 school year

- Position is for 1-day week for grades Pre K3 to 3rd
- Experience in teaching the language to students

We are also seeking **substitute teachers** for the school year 2020-2021. Contact the school for more information, 803-254-5477.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

SPIRITUAL READING

You will not see anyone who is truly striving after spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.

—St. Athanasius

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine
Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781
Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

FROM FR. MICHAEL



Religious Education

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday September 20. We will impart blessings upon all Catechist during the Masses.



We are welcoming new members in the parish. **RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** will be done virtually. Individuals interested in becoming Catholics are requested to call the office for direction 803-254-6862.

Fr. Timothy Gahan has appointed our parish a Bicentennial pledge. He made a pledge of \$6,000 and \$1,200 has been redeemed. Thank You Fr. Gahan!



Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health.

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.

May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

Be Safe. Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our National Memory

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God’s gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



The next Bible Study will be **Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.** Michael Okere is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: SMDP Bible Study Time: Sep 16, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81245059502?pwd=WWV6TXlYcmMzUDQ0cDBCejd4ci9PUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 4505 9502

Passcode: 313275

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdXu9PPxej>

September 19 St. Francis Catholic Shop, 649 St. Andrews Rd, will close for good. Stop in for some bargains. Call (803) 561-9733 for information and hours.

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